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EXTRA SWEEP BY FIRE.

Half a Block of Broadway Buildings Burned.

A Loss Estimated at Over \$2,000,000.

The Most Destructive Blaze New York Has Known in Years.

Several Firemen Injured by the Falling Debris.

The fire began with a tremendous burst opposite the Metropolitan Hotel—huge structures stored with valuable merchandise all ablaze in a moment—Chief Shay sends out the famous three hoses with but little effect—The walls begin to fall within two hours of the first outbreak—Firemen caught on a roof and in imminent peril—The burned area and estimates of the losses.

The biggest fire which has occurred in this city for years broke out at 6.24 o'clock this morning in the store occupied by Henry Rogers, dealer in fancy goods in the double building Nos. 549 and 551 Broadway.

In two hours four big buildings, crammed from top to sub-cellar with valuable merchandise, were in ruins.

The signal, the three hoses, the last resort of the firemen, was sounded, and all the resources of the Fire Department below Forty-second street were concentrated; yet for a time it was feared that the flames would extend to the next block.

Several firemen were injured. It is believed that the loss will exceed \$2,000,000.

The burned property occupies the west side of Broadway, between Prince and Spring streets, and extends through to Mercer street. No. 549, where the fire originated, was a five-story iron front double building. It is a total wreck.



The first floor was occupied by Henry Rogers & Co., dealers in fancy goods; the second floor by Weed, Wilson & Co., fancy trimmings; third floor, C. A. Yost, summer clothing; and, fourth floor, Malcolmson & Co., boys' clothing.

The other buildings were occupied as follows:

No. 545—Robertson & Kaufman, trimmings; P. K. Wilson & Son, importers of laces; Stein, Falk & Co., boys' clothing; M. Koempfer, manufacturer of waists.

No. 547—F. Bianchi & Co., importers of flowers.

No. 553—Louis Metzer, importer of millinery trimmings; Jerkowski & Ernst, importers of cloth, and the rest of the building by Mitchell & Ricard, clothing.

No. 555—A five-story brick front, occupied on the first floor by R. Isaacs & Brothers, dealers in Japanese goods; second and third floors by Samuel Lowenstein, dealer in neckwear, and fourth floor by Schwab & Son, importers of fancy goods.

No. 557 and 559 was a large double iron front. The first floor was occupied by Henry Newman & Sons, cotton goods. They began on Saturday to move to their new building on Broadway, between Houston and Bleeker, but the greater part of their stock had not been removed. Their loss is very heavy.

L. Lippman & Sons, clothing, occupied the first floor. C. C. Carpenter occupied the second floor, with a heavy stock of tourmaline and emeralds. I. Peavy & Bros. were on the third floor.

The basement and first floor of 561 and 563, a double iron front, was occupied by Stiner, Mahan & Co., novelties and Swiss carvings. Their heavy stock in the cellar was flooded and the fine goods on the first floor, running back 100 feet, are ruined by smoke. The loss

will be at least \$75,000; insurance, \$130,000. Gottlieb & Co., hat and bonnet frames, occupied the floor above. T. L. Barber & Son, straw goods; the Holland Manufacturing Company, spool silks, occupied the first floor. The damage is heavy. The company's mills are in Williamstown, Conn.

J. R. Leesley & Co., importers of linen threads, are in the same buildings. The fire was first discovered in Nos. 549 and 551, one of the most imposing buildings on Broadway, iron-fronted and massive.

Its origin must be dated far back into Sunday or even to Saturday, for the first outbreak was irresistible.

A pillar of flame shot up into the sky and a score of citizens ran at full speed to the station-house to notify the police. Policeman John Parry, of the Prince street squad, was ahead of them, having sent out the first alarm from the box at Prince street and Broadway. This was at 6.24 o'clock.

From that moment the lower part of the city was alive with running engines, hook and ladder trucks and the wagons of the Fire Patrol. Chief Bonner and Cashman arrived together, and alarm followed alarm thick and fast.

Chief Shay reached the scene at 6.50 and without hesitation caused the famous three hoses to be sounded, summoning every fire company below Forty-second street to the scene.

In these moments of preparation for the attack the fire had made tremendous headway. The building in which it broke out was swathed in flame from basement to roof and the neighboring structures on both sides were alight in many places.



A brick wall fanned the flames, and they crept swiftly from roof to roof and from floor to floor, making light of such flimsy obstructions as double brick walls and iron shutters. Chief Shay stationed a third of his forces on Mercer street, the narrowness of that thoroughfare enabling him to use the roofs of the buildings on the west side thereof as vantage points from which to outflank the advancing flames.

Other streams played upon the fire from the roofs of the Broadway houses and from the building occupied by Dunbar Bros., at the corner of Prince street, very effective work was done.

Inspector Williams, who was on night duty at Police Headquarters, took early charge of the police arrangements. The lines were drawn at Bleeker, Spring, Crosby and Mercer streets.

Reserves from the Mulberry, Prince and Leonard street squads were called from their barracks and ordered to proceed to the scene. All the time it was feared that the flames would extend to the next block.

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side of Foreman Sheridan when he fell. Murphy rushed forward and dragged Sheridan from beneath the debris. He was slightly injured on the left leg.

NO FIREMEN KILLED. A report that came over the "ticker" dated "Metropolitan" special to Henry Clews, "announced that ten firemen had been killed by the falling walls. There was not a word of truth in the report.

Mr. Clews has an office in the hotel, and the gentlemen in charge said no such report had been sent out from there.

A FIREMAN'S DARING DEED. At about 11 o'clock a number of firemen were directed by Chief Shay to tear down the front wall of 547 Broadway. They ascended to the third story of 545 and there tried in vain to pry the shaly wall out by means of hooks.

Failing in this attempt, a volunteer was called for to climb onto the trembling wall and there fasten a rope which could be pulled from the street and so save the wall. The danger was very great that a man's weight would bring the heavy structure down with him and kill him instantly.

Fireman Gustave Nale, of Engine Company No. 27, without hesitation stepped from the group and declared himself ready to risk his life.

A heavy line was tied around his waist, and it was held by five stalwart comrades. Like a fly he crawled through the smoke across the front of the crumbling building and reaching out for the corner of the tottering wall.

Thousands of persons watched him from the street and hardly a voice was heard while the suspense lasted.

Carefully he tied loops about the jutting window ledges and through the crevices in the walls, and then gave a signal. His comrades hauled with a will on the rope fastened to his body, and his form moved across the wide iron front of the unburned building like a shadow.

He was landed safely in the window, and then came up a mighty shout from the street in appreciation of the danger the brave fireman had incurred in the performance of his duty.

The pulling down of the wall was soon accomplished, and for the first time in many years for a hundred feet there were no buildings.

ROADWAY BLOCKED.

From the sounding of the first alarm Broadway was rendered impassable by the horse-cars, and soon over a hundred of them were blocked below the scene of the fire.

DANGER FROM WIRES.

The electric light wires were a source of great danger. Chief McClure sent a squad of men to warn people not to come in contact with them.

ESTIMATING THE LOSSES. In the confusion it was difficult to obtain accurate figures of the losses. Here are some of the estimates:

Charles A. Yost, dealer in summer clothing, at 551, was valued at between \$50,000 and \$70,000. It was insured in the Farragut Insurance Company for \$35,000. Edward Rogers, a brother of Henry Rogers, in whose store the fire is said to have originated, declined to make an estimate of his brother's loss. Another gentleman estimated the loss at \$150,000. The store was burned out before at 597. His stock was insured through Pat & Robb, of Cedar street, for \$65,000.

The building 549 and 557, was owned by Hiram Sibley, the millionaire member of the Rochester dry-goods firm of Sibley, Lindsey & Curt.

Veit, Son & Co., of 549, had just added to their stock of millinery goods a lot valued at \$350,000 and which is entirely destroyed. It is said that the recent additions were uninsured.

Schubert, Kahn & Co., who occupy the lower floor and basement of Nos. 551 and 553, estimate their loss from water at \$130,000.

When the big iron front of the building 553 was thrown down the top of it demolished the front of the building 551, across the street at 552, damaging the building and stock \$10,000. Louis Metzger, who occupied the first floor of 553, estimates his loss at \$40,000. Insurance, unknown.

Barbore & Co., in No. 551, had insurance amounting to \$52,000. Their loss by smoke and water is small.

Gottlieb & Co., hat and bonnet-frame manufacturers, at 551 Broadway, suffered slight damage; insurance \$2,500.

The Holland Manufacturing Company, same building, carried \$40,000 insurance; loss comparatively small.

Schwab & Sons, 125 Mercer street, importers of laces, lost their stock valued at \$200,000. The senior member of the firm was recently killed by falling down an elevator shaft in the building, and because the firm subsequently made an assignment it was believed that the loss would be covered by insurance.

When the rear of Bianchi & Co.'s building fell the iron and bricks damaged the structure on the opposite side of the street, the roof of which had been in place for many years. The first floor of this building was occupied by Chas. J. Abbott & Co., importers of furs and skins, whose damage is slight. J. Samuels & Sons, who occupied the first and second floor, were practically uninjured.

THE DAMAGED BUILDINGS.

The buildings damaged and destroyed, their owners and the value of the property are:

West Side—545 Broadway, Samuel Justice, of Calhoun building, lost \$100,000; 547, John H. Mahoney, \$100,000; 549 and 551, Henry Sobey, of Rochester, \$300,000; 553, Beckman estate, \$175,000; 555, John J. Metzer, of 555 Broadway, \$100,000; 557, C. E. Detmold's \$50,000; 561 and 563, H. Sibley, \$200,000. These estimates, of course, include the value of the land.

East Side—Injured by smoke, water and falling walls—551, Horace S. Ely; 552 and 554, William Astor; 121 Mercer street, owned by Ely and Horatio; value, \$150,000.

B. G. DUN & CO.'S ESTIMATES OF LOSSES.

At R. G. Dun & Co.'s Mercantile Agency the losses on stock of the following firms are estimated as follows:

R. Isaacs & Co., Japanese goods, carried a very valuable stock worth between \$300,000 and \$400,000. Mitchell & Picard, stock of \$35,000. Louis Metzer, clothing, \$50,000. Stern, Falk & Co., clothing, carried a stock of \$150,000. Robertson & Kaufman, stock of \$150,000. Charles A. Yost & Co., clothing, \$250,000. Malcolmson & Co., boys' clothing, stock estimated at \$15,000. Henry Rogers & Co., importers of fancy goods, stock worth \$150,000. J. R. Leesley & Co., \$75,000. H. Hacharach & Co., artificial flowers, carried a stock of \$200,000.

The losses of these firms are estimated to range all the way from \$25,000 to \$150,000; a total of \$1,500,000. The loss of the stock of the following firms is also estimated:

rubbish which barely fills the cellar floors in all that is left of the establishments of twenty great firms.

The building 545 Broadway and 114 Mercer street had its two topmost floors gutted and forty feet of its northward wall was carried away at the Mercer street side. The remaining floors were soaked with water. No. 555 Broadway and 124 Mercer street was set on fire in ten different places, the top floors suffering most damage. The walls were cracked in several places by the fall of the ironwork of No. 555.

Nos. 557 and 559 Broadway were badly water-soaked and their zinc roofs were melted off by the heat.

OVERCOME BY SMOKE.

At 2 o'clock Acting Capt. Reilly, of the Prince street squad, received word that a man was lying insensible on the roof of 555 Broadway. With two of his men he climbed up to the roof and found that the unconscious man was Fireman James W. Behrman, of truck No. 9. While directing a hose on the burning pile Behrman was overcome by the dense smoke. He was taken to St. Vincent's Hospital.

FLAMES IN PELL STREET.

\$50,000 Damage Done to a Factory—Many Frightened Citizens.

Fire broke out at 1:10 o'clock this afternoon in the five-story brick building at 16 Pell street, occupied by Charles Peiser, manufacturer of African fibre, used for stuffing mattresses.

Two alarms of fire were sent out, but the flames gained such headway that a third call was ordered.

This brought down some of the firemen from the fire at Broadway and Spring street. An employee named Shea had a narrow escape. He was hemmed in and while coming down the fire-escape was scorched by flames that burst from a window.

There were fourteen men employed in the building, and all of them got out safely. At 1:30 the fire was under control.

There was intense excitement among the Chinese, who live in the neighborhood in large numbers. They swarmed on the roofs and in the streets.

The loss to stock and building is perhaps \$50,000. The origin is unknown.

TAMMANY HALL READY FOR WORK.

Its Committees Now in Thorough Working Order for 1888.

Tammany Hall is now thoroughly organized for 1888. The General, Organization and Executive committees are in working order. The Organization Committee elected officers last night, as follows:

Chairman, Hugh J. Grant. Vice-Chairmen—John McQuade, Peter Kehr and Thad. Brown. Secretary, Robert Keane. Treasurer, Edward H. Hawk. John G. H. Meyer, Arthur Phillips, Morris Herzberg and John H. Laughlin. Treasurer, John J. Gorman; Secretary, Robert Keane.

The forced resignation of ex-Senator Thomas C. Dunham as a member of the General Committee from the Ninth Assembly district has occasioned much talk among the Tammany Hall chiefs by becoming Chairman of the County Democracy Committee of the Seventh Assembly District.

CRISIS IN THE MINERS' STRIKE.

Special Police at Shenandoah to Guard the Men Who Return to Work.

(SPECIAL TO THE WORLD.)

READING, Pa., Jan. 30.—In anticipation of trouble at William Penn colliery to-morrow, a large force of special police is being concentrated in the vicinity of Shenandoah, from which place they can be despatched to the mines at short notice.

There is no doubt that a crisis in the miners' strike is at hand.

The owners of several collieries who will make a determined effort to start work will be supported, it is claimed, by a number of their men who are well satisfied to labor every mine which will be paid when they strike, regardless of what else and what tracks convey the coal they mine to market.

The Heating Company will also try its best to start several of the collieries with non-union labor as soon as the snow blockade is passed.

Talked of by Workmen.

The Pattern-Makers will have their ball in Clarendon Hall on Feb. 1.

The Journeymen Plumbers' Union will give its annual ball in Clarendon Hall to-night.

Non-union cigar-makers on strike receive \$4 a week and are to be paid for every day which they are out of work. The union men are to be paid for every day which they are out of work. The union men are to be paid for every day which they are out of work.

Progressive Patrons' Union No. 1 will meet to-night in Clarendon Hall to transact important business.

A rather funny phase of the present strike of cigar-makers is the hostile feeling between the female pickets and the police. Most of the pickets are Bohemian and German girls.

The bureau for employment established in Clarendon Hall by the Progressive Patrons' Union is productive of good results. Delegates Jones may be seen there every day.

Higgins & Co.'s carpet mills resumed operations this morning. About two thousand hands, most of whom were females, went to work after an eight-day strike.

The Central Labor Union is making admittance to the delegates of the Brewery Employees' Union, has caused no little indignation among members of that body, who will, no doubt, seek some other way to have a representative in the central organization.

Furnished the Furniture to Have an Ogle.

People living in the neighborhood of No. 608 Eighth avenue complained to Capt. Killian of the Forty-seventh Street Police Station at 10 o'clock last night of the disorderly conduct of Thomas Perkins and two companions. The three were arrested, Perkins' friends giving the names and addresses as follows: James Perkins, No. 608 Eighth avenue, and Joseph H. Perkins, street, Chatham, N. Y. Perkins is charged with assaulting the neighbor of his wife and child and of assaulting the former, and the three men in general are charged with disturbing the peace. When the officers entered the house they found the three men in a room crowded and surrounded by various kinds of liquor. Mrs. Perkins told the officers that her husband had been drinking and that she had been driven to the house and with the money obtained the liquor. She also declares that he had starved and otherwise mistreated her and the child for the past three weeks.

Small-Pox on a Steamship.

The steamship Alexandria, which arrived at Quarantine from Naples this morning, reported that there had been four cases of small-pox on board. Quarantine officers found that the vessel had been taken to the city and that the cases had been ascertained. The men had entirely recovered. The ship will be quarantined and fumigated.

Dunn's Trial Postponed.

John R. Dunn, the Manhattan Bank defaulter, was in the Court of General Sessions again to-day. Through his counsel it was announced that he had decided to let his plea of not guilty to the indictment of grand larceny stand and to be tried in February. The case was adjourned in this State, so date for the trial being set.

James Heilpath Dying.

James Heilpath, the journalist and lecturer, was reported this morning as growing weaker. His physician, Dr. Samuel W. Dunn, gives no hope of his recovery. His ailment is paralysis of his throat, which renders him speechless.

AN EARTHQUAKE.

Rhode Island and Eastern Massachusetts Shaken.

Two Heavy Shocks Felt Early This Morning.

Newport, Providence, Greenwich, Fair Haven, Fall River and Places on Cape Cod Observed the Rumbling—People Frightened and Houses Shaken—Pictures Knocked Down, Glass Broken and Movable Articles Damaged—Avalanche Inhabitants Felt Two Rumbling Ralls.

(SPECIAL TO THE WORLD.)

NEWPORT, R. I., Jan. 30.—The earthquake shock which aroused the people of this entire island soon after midnight, proved to be more serious than was at first supposed.

The shock was felt from one end of the island to the other, and the fact that the Isle of Aquidneck is fourteen miles in length proves that the shock was not only local but also very severe.

The first disturbance was about 12.30 and was a slight one as compared to that which followed a few minutes later.

The last was loud and lasting in its report, and was followed by two tremendous rumbling rolls, which shook houses, displaced furniture and scared the timid ones half to death.

In Middletown and Portsmouth glass was broken and many household articles injured. A distinguished citizen who resides in a handsome brick house just off the avenue, and who is a man of scientific attainments, said just now:

"Of course it was an earthquake—nothing more nor less. We certainly have not heard the last of the Charleston affair, and in my judgment the whole coast from there here will suffer sooner or later. My house is of brick, and that had a good shaking up. I was awakened by my bed shaking."

"The movement of the bed was unmistakable and lasted some seconds. I must say that the shock was a very severe one."

PROVIDENCE, R. I., Jan. 30.—This city, Bristol, Warren, East Greenwich and many bay-side towns were badly shaken up last night by the earthquake.

Prof. Blackless, of the East Greenwich Academy; Rev. O. F. Still, of the Baptist Church; Gen. T. W. Grace and Lawyer L. W. K. Allen all describe the shock as like the earthquake rumblings. They were startled at 12.30 and sprang from their beds.

The several members of their families were also aroused and very much scared. Pictures were knocked down, the houses violently shaken and movable objects thrown about.

It is twenty miles from Greenwich to Newport, and thirty from this city.

On College Hill here houses were shaken very perceptibly. Bristol was shaken to its very center, and much the same experience were had as in Greenwich.

NEW BRUNSWICK, N. J., Jan. 30.—Reports received here are to the effect that a shock of earthquake was felt east of here about 1 o'clock this morning. The tremor was distinctly felt in the Cape Cod towns and Fair Haven, and in many places in the State.

R. I. had a heavy shock about 12.30 A. M. FALL RIVER, Mass., Jan. 30.—An earthquake shock visited this city at 12.45 o'clock this morning, which was observed by the majority of the inhabitants. The disturbance appeared to travel from south to north. Was violent enough to shake the dwellings and arouse citizens from their sleep. The noise continued seven or eight seconds and resembled a clap of thunder, followed by a low rumbling.

JOHN CLINTON GRAY SWORN IN.

The Oath Administered to the New Judge of the Court of Appeals.

John Clinton Gray, recently appointed to succeed the late Judge Hapallo in the Court of Appeals, was sworn in to-day by the presiding Justice of the General Term of the Supreme Court.

Judge Gray was escorted to the General Term room by Judges Barrett, Andrews and O'Brien. Presiding Justice Van Brunt took his seat and summoned his associates. Judge Gray was then taken by the hand by Judge Van Brunt, who administered the oath, and then congratulated him upon his elevation to the Court of Appeals Bench.

Four Men Reported Killed in a Wreck.

(SPECIAL TO THE WORLD.)

CHICAGO, Jan. 30.—A Lake Shore and Michigan Southern freight train went through a bridge at Pine, Ill., yesterday. A car containing naphtha exploded, setting fire to surrounding property and to the wrecked cars, which were heaped under the broken bridge. The railroad people were unable to control the flames and a leg and arm was sent to the fire department of this city as a trophy. A fire train was immediately dispatched to the scene of the wreck with a fire engine and a full complement of men. A telegram has been received stating that another freight train went through the fallen bridge on top of the first wreck, killing several men. The fire is said to be still burning.

Married During the Eclipse.

(SPECIAL TO THE WORLD.)

PROVIDENCE, R. I., Jan. 30.—During the eclipse of the moon on Saturday night, Rev. Mr. Stor, of the African Methodist Church in that town, was suddenly summoned to the Town Clerk's office. There a friend of his, with Miss Anna Miles, the colored fifteen-year-old bride of Saturday, and Lewis C. Francis, a negro blacksmith of the town, awaited him. The wife of the bride was on the colored smelly train in the usual form, and charged with her husband and child. At seven o'clock the moon was a full disk and the marriage ceremony was performed.

Six People Injured in a Wreck.

(SPECIAL TO THE WORLD.)

CAMBRIDGE, Neb., Jan. 30.—Passenger train No. 1 on the Burlington and Missouri road was wrecked near here this morning. Six persons were injured.

An Italian Village Destroyed by Fire.

(SPECIAL CABLE TO THE WORLD.)

ROME, Jan. 30.—Almost every house in the village of Alcone was destroyed by fire last night. The inhabitants are in a deplorable state. Several persons were killed and many injured.

The Weather To-Day.

Indicated by Barometer's tele-thermometer.

Barometer, 30.0; 30.1; 30.2; 30.3; 30.4; 30.5; 30.6; 30.7; 30.8; 30.9; 31.0; 31.1; 31.2; 31.3; 31.4; 31.5; 31.6; 31.7; 31.8; 31.9; 32.0; 32.1; 32.2; 32.3; 32.4; 32.5; 32.6; 32.7; 32.8; 32.9; 33.0; 33.1; 33.2; 33.3; 33.4; 33.5; 33.6; 33.7; 33.8; 33.9; 34.0; 34.1; 34.2; 34.3; 34.4; 34.5; 34.6; 34.7; 34.8; 34.9; 35.0; 35.1; 35.2; 35.3; 35.4; 35.5; 35.6; 35.7; 35.8; 35.9; 36.0; 36.1; 36.2; 36.3; 36.4; 36.5; 36.6; 36.7; 36.8; 36.9; 37.0; 37.1; 37.2; 37.3; 37.4; 37.5; 37.6; 37.7; 37.8; 37.9; 38.0; 38.1; 38.2; 38.3; 38.4; 38.5; 38.6; 38.7; 38.8; 38.9; 39.0; 39.1; 39.2; 39.3; 39.4; 39.5; 39.6; 39.7; 39.8; 39.9; 40.0; 40.1; 40.2; 40.3; 40.4; 40.5; 40.6; 40.7; 40.8; 40.9; 41.0; 41.